

Car Smog Devices Compulsory by '70

Capitol News Service
SACRAMENTO—Governor Ronald Reagan has signed California's Pure Air Act into law, thus paving the way for more stringent control of pollutant emissions

from gasoline propelled vehicles, and eventual lessening of contaminated air in the smog basins of this state. The measure, AB 357 by Assemblyman John Francis Foran (D-San Francisco) and

a companion bill, AB 356 by the same author, were written into law during ceremonies in the governor's office.

The measures require all new cars by 1970 to be equipped with smog control devices, and provide for testing to determine the effectiveness of the devices. The automobile industry has cooperated with the legislature and other state officials in working out the legislation to provide comparatively smog-free air in this state and alleviate the health menacing conditions which are being caused by the increase in the number and usage of automobiles.

THE ANTI-SMOG bills were passed by the legislature after lengthy discussions as to the measures of accomplishment they would effect, and as to the minimum impact on industry, but still with the idea of accomplishing major reductions in air contaminants.

While it is conceded the two measures will not eliminate the smog menace whol-

ly, they at least, in the opinion of the author, Assemblyman Foran, will provide California with the "toughest" anti-smog law in the nation and the vehicle to work toward making California's air breathable.

The governor also signed SB 98, by Senator Tom Carrell (D-San Fernando) which appropriates \$600,000 to test an ultramodern, navigational system, which is designed to make air and water transportation operate with more precision and greater safety under conditions of low visibility.

THE SYSTEM will serve aircraft and vessels over an area of 200,000 square miles, on a day-and-night basis. The tests will be conducted over a three-year period and, said the governor, "will provide a new element of safety for operators and passengers of aircraft and vessels, who up to now, have been plagued by the adversities of fog and other inclement weather conditions."

Still another measure signed by the governor was

SB 975, by Men. Hugh M. Burns (D-Fresno), president pro tem of the senate.

This measure appropriates \$50,000 from motor vehicle funds to effect an extensive study into California's automobile accident rate, the rising cost of auto insurance, and their effects on the lives and pocketbooks of residents.

THE MEASURE is a part of the governor's safety legislative program. It was actively supported by the insurance industry in California. The study will concentrate on what can be done specifically about the state's high automobile accident rate, and the spiraling cost of automobile insurance which results.

In signing the measure, the governor indicated there are indications from Washington that extensive changes are needed in the present system of insuring the automobile.

"If we are to avoid control of the insurance business by the federal government in Washington," he said, "as I believe we must,

we will have to continue to do a better job at the state level."

Hammond Earnings Increase

Hammond Corp. has reported that earnings for its first fiscal quarter ended June 30, rose sharply over its first fiscal quarter earning a year ago.

First quarter earnings totaled \$798,000 equal, after provision for preferred dividends, to 21 cents per share. For the comparable quarter last year, Hammond reported earnings of \$177,000, equal to 3 cents a share.

Consolidated net sales rose to \$16,866,000 compared with \$13,976,000 for the first quarter a year ago.

Discussion-Concert Slated Saturday at Palos Verdes

"Music — What Do You Hear?" will be the subject of a discussion-concert to be presented Saturday afternoon by the Myron Sandler String Quartet.

The program will be presented by the South Bay Chamber Music Society at the Palos Verdes Peninsula Library.

Myron Sandler, founder and first violinist of the quartet, is associate professor of music and director of chamber music at San Fer-

nando Valley State College and director of the Palos Verdes Community Arts Association Saturday Music Conservatory.

Other members of the quartet are Virginia Baker, concert master of the Pasadena Symphony, second violinist; Abraham Weiss, principal violinist with the Los Angeles Chamber Symphony; and Margaret Aue, principal cellist with the Glendale and Inglewood Philharmonic Orchestras.

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